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SUBJECT: WFC SECRETARIAT STUDY OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY

1. CONCERNED AGENCIES HAVE NOT YET DIGESTED LENGTHY DOCUMENT (WFC-22) ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY MADE AVAILABLE BY DR. HANNAH DURING HIS TALKS HERE APRIL 5. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT'S VIEWS.

2. WHEN TALKING WITH HANNAH AND AZIZ YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--US IS CONCERNED THAT POTENTIAL PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) NOT BE RISKED BY AN UNPRODUCTIVE AND POSSIBLY CONTENTIOUS SECOND SESSION.

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--IN US VIEW, EFFORT BY SECRETARIAT TO INSERT A PRESCRIPTION FOR WORLD FOOD SECURITY INTO A COMPLICATED, CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL DEBATE IS LIKELY TO RETARD PROGRESS TOWARD IMPROVED FOOD SECURITY AND DETRACT FROM THE OVERSIGHT FUNCTION ENVISIONED FOR THE WFC BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

--US HAS ALREADY UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT TO DO WHAT WFC SECRETARIAT IS NOW ATTEMPTING, THAT IS TO FOSTER A MEANS

TO IMPROVE WORLD FOOD SECURITY ON AN URGENT BASIS SEPARATE FROM, BUT RELATED TO, MORE GENERAL NEGOTIATION OF TRADE ISSUES. THIS APPROACH HAS FAILED TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF A DECISIVE PROPORTION OF THE CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

--WHILE COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDER DEBATE IN WFC AS NON-COMMITTAL, SINCE WFC IS NOT A NEGOTIATING FORUM, WE BELIEVE MEMBERS ARE LIKELY TO REPEAT ARGUMENTS MANY OF THEM HAVE ALREADY MADE AT GREAT LENGTH ELSEWHERE ON SUCH ISSUES AS: INTERNATIONAL VS. NATIONAL CONTROL OF RESERVE STOCKS, PRICE VS. QUANTITATIVE TRIGGERS, DEFINITION AND NECESSARY SIZE OF RESERVE STOCKS, PRICE STABILIZING FUNCTION OF RESERVE STOCKS, AND SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED BASIS FOR COST SHARING. THIS IS ASIDE FROM CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY; SECRETARIAT SEEMS TO BE AIMING AT INTERNATIONAL UNDERWRITING OF MSA FOOD IMPORTS AS DISTINCT FROM OUR FOCUS ON OFFSETTING MAJOR PRODUCTION SHORTFALLS IN A MARKET CONTEXT.

--SUCH A DEBATE IS LIKELY TO BE DUPLICATIVE AND STERILE AND TO DETRACT FROM COUNCIL'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH ITS ROLE IN AREAS WHERE A CONTRIBUTION IS MORE LIKELY TO BE MADE, SUCH AS INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION.

--AFTER ONLY PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION, WE ALSO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT VALIDITY OF SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENTS OF SECRETARIAT'S ANALYSIS. HOWEVER, IF WFC MEMBERSHIP DECIDES AT PREPARATORY MEETING IN MAY TO DEVOTE SECOND SESSION TO EXAMINATION OF SECRETARIAT'S PAPER, US IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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